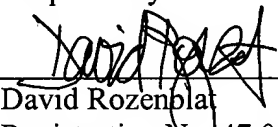


REMARKS

Claims 1, 5, 6, 8, 9, 13, 14, 16, 17, 21, 22 and 24-30 are pending in the above-identified application. With this amendment, Applicants have amended claims 1, 9, 25, 26, and 30. Applicants maintain that no new matter was added.

In view of the foregoing, Applicants submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Notice to that effect is requested.

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